

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

THOMPSON, JAMES ROBERT

: 04/21/1989

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

LIEBHART, BRYAN

knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law,  
state that the facts contained herein are true.

I have probable cause to believe that on , at

THOMPSON, JAMES ROBERT W/M '04/21/1989  
committed one or more criminal offense(s):  
565.020 FIRST DEGREE MURDER

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 4/10/2013 at about 7:00 PM officers were contacted by James Thompson, the  
defendant. Thompson reported he had gone to the address of Brian Daniels at  
166 Cimarron Drive. This is an address within Columbia, Boone County, MO.  
According to Thompson, he found Daniels deceased. Officers located a rear door  
that had been forced open and damaged. The autopsy conclusively indicated the  
death was a homicide and that the victim had suffered three gunshot wounds.

Thompson told detectives that he and Daniels had been in a romantic  
relationship which began about three years ago. Thompson told detectives that  
he had last seen Daniels alive on 4/9/2013 at about 6:00 PM. Thompson said  
that he checked on Daniels as Thompson left Columbia to visit Glenn Anderson in  
the St. Charles area. Thompson said he arrived in St. Charles at about 8:00 PM  
on 4/9/2013. Thompson stated that he spent the night in St. Charles and  
returned to Columbia at about 5:00 PM on 4/10/2013. Thompson said that from  
his home in Columbia, Thompson drove to Daniels' home and discovered the body.

Detectives phoned Glenn Anderson. Anderson said that Thompson arrived at his  
home in St. Charles at about 8:00 PM on 4/09/2013. Anderson said Thompson  
spent the night at Anderson's home and left the following afternoon around 3:30  
PM. Anderson stated that he received a call from Thompson at about 6:  
00 PM telling Anderson that Thompson had arrived in Columbia.

Subsequent to a search warrant for Thompson's cell phone records, detectives  
were able to "plot" his movements on the night of April 9, 2013 during the time  
his cellular phone was in use. This plotting was done by using tower  
coordinates provided by the cellular phone provider. Thompson's phone, which  
he advised he had with him during that time frame, was in the Columbia, MO area  
until at least 12:23 AM on April 10, 2013. This is contrary to the Thompson's  
prior statement to law enforcement where he stated he arrived in St. Charles at  
about 6:00 PM. According to the plotting, the phone was first used in the St.  
Charles area at 6:18 AM on 4/10/2013.

During the search of Daniels' home, the crime scene technicians located legal  
documents indicating James Thompson had been recently named as Power of

attorney for Daniels. Additionally, the documents name Thompson as the sole beneficiary of the Daniels estate. These legal documents were purportedly signed and notarized on 2/10/2013. There are witness signatures on the documents in the names of Christopher Hurt and Jacqueline Miller. Hurt was later identified as a good friend of Thompson. Miller is the mother of Thompson. The Notary Public stamp on the document is in the name of Glenn Anderson.

Officers drove to St. Charles and spoke to Glenn Anderson. Anderson admitted that he had lied about Thompson arriving at Anderson's home at 8:00 PM on April 9, 2013. Anderson said that he had gone to bed just before 11:30 PM on 4/9/2013 and Thompson had not yet arrived at his home. Anderson said when Anderson woke up shortly after 8:00 AM, Thompson was asleep on the couch of Anderson's living room.

Anderson said he lied about when Thompson arrived at his house because Thompson had phoned him telling him to claim Thompson was with Anderson at his home at that time. Anderson admitted that he (Anderson) had purchased a Notary Public stamp for the sole purpose of notarizing documents that pertained to the Power of Attorney and the Last Will and Testament of Brian Daniels. Anderson said it was Thompson who asked Anderson to become a Notary Public so that Anderson could notarize these legal forms. Anderson stated that Thompson told Anderson that Thompson would be the sole beneficiary of the Daniels estate once these forms were signed and notarized.

During the interview with Anderson, Anderson called Thompson. Anderson told Thompson that he had spoken to Columbia Detectives. Thompson then asked Anderson if the Detectives had asked him if Thompson owned guns. The fact that the victim died as a result of gunshot wounds had not been released to the public.

Upon receiving this information from Anderson, officers again contacted Thompson. At the time of this contact, Thompson was in a vehicle with his sister. Subsequent to a search warrant this vehicle was searched. Within the vehicle evidence technicians located a gun clip that was missing three bullets.

A search of prior police calls at 2416 Cimarron Drive revealed the victim had made several reports of Thompson entering the residence and stealing items including gold pieces, most recently on April 4, 2013. Investigators researched a pawn shop database, and found that James Thompson pawned gold items on four separate occasions between 07/18/12 and 02/07/13. Thompson was paid \$18,258.35 for the gold items by the pawn shop. The pawn shop owner described the items pawned by Thompson. Those items matched the description of the items reported stolen by the victim.

During these prior stealing calls, Thompson told law enforcement that he was the victim's caretaker. He did not tell law enforcement during these incidents that he was in a romantic relationship with the victim contrary to his statements to law enforcement at the time of the homicide investigation.

The victim informed law enforcement that he was going to change the locks on his residence, as Thompson had a key to his home. The victim later changed the locks on his home on April 5, 2013. As noted above, officers determined that



he rear door to victim's residence had been forced open and damaged.

Additionally, on March 1, 2013, officers responded to 2416 Cimarron Drive on the report of a law alarm. Upon officer's arrival, they spoke with the victim and Thompson. Officers learned that Thompson had entered the residence and that the victim and Thompson had been involved in a physical altercation resulting in the victim receiving a laceration to the forehead. Investigators also learned that the circuit breaker to the home had also been flipped off.

James Thompson is the last known person to see the victim prior to his death as well as the person who reported his death to the police.

- . For the issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, complete the following
- (a) I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:
  - (b) I believe that defendant poses
    - (1) a danger to a crime victim because
    - (2) a danger to the community or to any other person because

LIEBHART, BRYAN  
Date: 04/14/13

B. Liebhart 10605  
Signature  
(re: CPD Case #2013-003762 )